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SUBJ: MARJO PROJECT - SATELLITE SYSTEM FOR IRAN

REF: STATE 228240

1. WE HAVE REVIEWED BACKGROUND OF DISCUSSIONS OF SATELLITE SYSTEM FOR IRAN AND CAN FIND NO CONFIRMATION THAT ANY MAAG OFFICER HAS SUPPORTED A MILITARY SATELLITE SYSTEM WHICH WOULD EXCLUDE DOMESTIC PARTICIPATION AND UTILIZATION. ARMISH/MAAG HAS TAKEN NO OFFICIAL POSITION IN THIS REGARD.

2. AS STATE AND DOD ARE AWARE, A MILITARY SATELLITE SYSTEM WAS OUTLINED IN ANNEX TO PEACE SECEPTER PRELIMINARY TECHNICAL SURVEY REPORT WHICH WAS PRESENTED TO IIAF ON SEPTEMBER 27. USE OF MILITARY TYPE SATELLITE WAS PROPOSED AS OPTION WHICH COULD AUGMENT AND SUPPLEMENT IN CERTAIN MILITARY AREAS A LAND BASED MICRO/TROPO FMSTEM. AFTER BRIEFING SHAH ON REPORT, IIAF REJECTED IT INCLUDING MILITARY SATELLITE ANNEX OWING TO ITS LIMITED SCOPE AND SIZE. A NEW, EXPANDED STUDY WAS REQUESTED WHICH WILL ADDRESS ALL MILITARY AND SOME DOMESTIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS REQUIREMENTS ON A NATIONAL BASIS. SATELLITE SYSTEM HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED AS A VEHICLE TO SAT-

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ISFY SOME OF THESE CHANNEL REQUIREMENTS. NEW REQUEST IS CURRENTLY

BEING STAFFED IN WASHINGTON.

3. WE UNDERSTAND THAT DISCUSSIONS OF NEW AND EXPANDED TELECOMMUNICATIONS REQUIREMENTS ARE UNDER WAY WITHIN GOI. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER MILITARY OR CIVILIAN AGENCY WILL TAKE THE LEAD ON THIS PROJECT OR WHAT INPUT WILL BE AUTHORIZED FOR VARIOUS DOMESTIC AGENCIES.

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